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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the specie of Figure 3. Applicant notes that the Examiner has recognized that claims 39 and 80 are generic. Applicant believes that claims 39-52, 56-59, 69-71, 74-76 and 80 read upon the elected specie.

An action on the merits with regard to the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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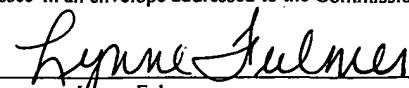
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